

Volunteer Dental Program

(FY2008 Appropriation Bill - Public Act 123 of 2007)

December 1, 2007

Section 1109: (1) From the amounts appropriated in part 1 for dental programs, funds shall be allocated to the Michigan dental association for the administration of a volunteer dental program that shall provide dental services to the uninsured in an amount that is no less than the amount allocated to that program in fiscal year 1996-1997.

(2) Not later than December 1 of the current fiscal year, the department shall make available upon request a report to the senate or house of representatives appropriations subcommittee on community health or the senate or house of representatives standing committee on health policy the number of individual patients treated, number of procedures performed, and approximate total market value of those procedures through September 30, 2007.

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Donated Dental Services (DDS) Program Legislative Report

Reporting Period: October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007

Report Addressing: Section 1109(2) of PA 60 (2001)

Overview of FY 2006/2007 Achievements		
	FY 2007	FY 2006
Number of patients receiving completed dental care:	399	390
Number of dental procedures provided:	5,794	5,146
Number of volunteer dentists:	808	806
Number of dentists involved with patients treated:	391	407
Value of donated services by dentists:	\$987,862	\$898,055
Number of volunteer dental laboratories:	215	190
Value of donated laboratory services:	\$97,043	\$89,087
Value of donated treatment:	\$1,084,905	\$987,142

This program is in its eleventh year. Originally funded at \$138,000, an amendment was issued to reduce the amount, per the Negative Supplemental, Senate Bill 436, to \$100,500 on June 25, 2007. The funds provide for the administration of the program, which matches dentists who are willing to donate services to persons in specific target groups (identified below) needing extensive dental care. The department contracts with the Michigan Dental Association, which subcontracts, with the National Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped in Denver, Colorado. The funding to the National Foundation supports employee costs to administer and operate the program, some lab fees and recognition plaques for the dentists.

The populations for whom dental services are provided are the following:

- Persons who are physically and/or mentally impaired
- Persons with sensory impairments
- Persons who are medically compromised
- Elderly persons

MICHIGAN DONATED DENTAL SERVICES (DDS) PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT FOR FY 2006

In compliance with section 1109(2) of H.B. 4831 the Michigan Oral Health Program is providing the following report on the Michigan Donated Dental Services Program.

Background

The Michigan Dental Association (MDA) and the Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped (FDH) launched the statewide Michigan Donated Dental Services (DDS) project in 1995. This program is similar to others developed by FDH in 37 other states. Delta Dental Plan of Michigan is also a major partner in the Michigan effort and donates office space as well as many other support services.

Despite the return of \$8.73 worth of care for every dollar spent, the waiting list remains at a minimum of two years or longer for most of the counties in Michigan. While the Donated Dental Services Program is successful, persons with developmental disabilities and the elderly have dental needs that far outpace the resources available.

Accomplishments

This fiscal year's goal was to provide \$1,100,000 worth of treatment for 435 disabled, aged, or medically compromised individuals statewide. By the end of the September 30th fiscal year, the goal fell short of predictions with \$1,084,905 worth of care donated for 399 individuals. The 399 individuals who completed treatment required 5,794 dental procedures, or an average of 15 procedures per person. Moreover, each individual received an average of \$2,719 worth of care.

In addition to the 399 people who finished treatment, 326 more were receiving care at the end of the September 30th reporting period (i.e., active cases). A second goal was to generate \$98,000 worth of donated laboratory fabrications. During the fiscal year, labs donated \$97,043 worth of fabrications – again below the goal because fewer people were helped. The number of dental laboratories volunteering their resources was 215.

Staffing

Services are managed by two DDS coordinators. Working from an office in Farmington Hills so generously donated by Delta Dental Plan of Michigan, Ms. Judith Berry coordinates services in the southeast section of the state. Ms. Michele Baldwin manages services for the rest of the state from an office donated by Foote Hospital in Jackson. In December, a redistribution of active dentists was completed that balances the sections of the state between the two staff members. The area formerly covering Metro Detroit now includes the counties of Genesee, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw, and Wayne and is now referred to as the southeastern section of the state.

Applications

Applications have been suspended since August 2004 due to long waiting lists. When the waiting list is too long, the coordinators must spend too much time processing new applications and responding to people requesting applications; time that could be used to refer people to dentists. The waiting list continues to be monitored, and at the end of each quarter it is assessed

if the application process can be reopened. This fiscal year Ingham and Kent counties have been recently opened for new applications.

A continuing challenge to helping more people is the geographical diversity of the volunteers and applicants, which is not always aligned and creates difficulties in using all the volunteer dentists. For example, in the vast rural areas of the upper part of the state, applicants often live very far from volunteers. In the City of Detroit, 49 people have applied for help, yet only 10 dentists volunteer for DDS.

Volunteers

Since DDS recruitment efforts were launched in the fall of 1995, the cadre of volunteer dentists has grown to 808; of which 411 practice in the southeastern section of the state and the other 397 in the rest of Michigan. In addition, 215 dental laboratories donate some of the fabrications needed by so many of the people treated. Drs. George Goodis and John S. Bucheister, both past Presidents of the Michigan Dental Association, have been active in recruiting new dentist volunteers.

With applications pending, or waiting to be referred, more volunteers are still needed everywhere in the state, especially Detroit and its suburbs, Jackson, Bay City, Flint, Saginaw, and the Thumb area where we have received many requests for help.

Future Plans

The goal for the 07-08 fiscal year is to provide \$1,100,000 worth of donated treatment for 425 individuals, including \$98,000 worth of donated laboratory fabrications.

Attachments

A financial statement for the fiscal year is attached along with program services summaries. Reports are available that depict treatment county and disability.

**Michigan Donated Dental Service Program
Fourth Quarterly Report of Services
Combined Statewide and Southeastern Programs**

Table I

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>1st Qtr. 10/06-12/06</u>	<u>2nd Qtr. 1/07-3/07</u>	<u>3rd Qtr. 4/07-6/07</u>	<u>4th Qtr. 7/07-9/07</u>	<u>FY 2006-07 Year-to-date</u>
<u>PATIENTS</u>					
# of Active Cases	337	336	338	326	326
# of Referrals	106	126	119	118	443 ¹
# Deceased or Otherwise Withdrew	0	2	3	1	6
# of Patients Treated	96	88	109	171	399 ¹
# of Dental Procedures	1,232	1,169	1,416	1,977	5,794
<u>APPLICANTS</u>					
# Received	154	197	196	207	754 ⁴
# Not Eligible	140	140	79	145	504
# of Applications pending (as of 9/30/05)	527	513	513	540	540
<u>VOLUNTEERS</u>					
# of Volunteer Dentists	802	801	805	808	808
# involved with patients treated	94	93	115	156	391 ²
# of Volunteer Labs	192	193	214	215	215
# involved with patients treated	45	40	40	39	107 ²
<u>FINANCIAL</u>					
Value of Care to Patients Treated	\$251,618	\$197,8019	\$259,477	\$376,000	\$1,084,905
Average Value of Treatment/Case	\$2,621	\$2,248	\$2,381	\$2,719	\$2,719
Value of Donated Lab Services ³	\$24,684	\$25,649	\$2,936	\$24,775	\$97,043
Value of Paid Lab Services	\$3,357	\$3,374	\$1,846	\$491	\$9,068
Operating Costs	\$31,373	\$30,337	\$33,137	\$32,983	\$127,830
Ratio/Donated Treatment per Dollar of Operating Costs	\$6.85	\$5.61	\$10.46	\$13.65	\$8.73
Total Patients Treated (Since 10/95)	3,415				

1 Value also included in Value of Care to Patients Treated

2 Total is less than the sum of quarterly periods because it represents an unduplicated count of patients for year, whereas some patients may have been counted in all periods

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4 In many regions, new applications have not been accepted since 2005 due to long waiting lists.

Michigan Donated Dental Service Program
Fourth Quarterly Report of Services
Program Services for Southeast Michigan

Table 2

<u>CATEGORY</u>	1st Qtr. Detroit <u>10/06-12/06</u>	2nd Qtr. Detroit <u>1/07-3/07</u>	3rd Qtr. Detroit <u>4/07-6/07</u>	4th Qtr. Detroit <u>07/07-09/07</u>	FY 2006-07 Detroit <u>Year-to-date</u>
<u>PATIENTS</u>					
# of Active Cases	162	161	162	161	161
# of Referrals	54	58	74	63	231 ¹
# Deceased or Otherwise Withdrew	0	1	2	0	3
# of Patients Treated	48	44	56	85	201 ¹
# of Dental Procedures	746	896	913	1,319	3,874
<u>APPLICANTS</u>					
# Received	103	103	102	95	403 ⁴
# Not Eligible	72	79	40	25	219
# of Applications pending (as of 9/30/05)	188	175	190	227	227
<u>VOLUNTEERS</u>					
# of Volunteer Dentists	404	404	408	411	411
# involved with patients treated	48	47	59	80	204 ²
# of Volunteer Labs	103	103	114	115	115
# involved with patients treated	26	23	22	16	52 ²
<u>FINANCIAL</u>					
Value of Care to Patients Treated	\$131,270	\$115,165	\$132,858	\$202,374	\$581,667
Average Value of Treatment/Case	\$2,735	\$2,617	\$2,337 ²	\$2,381	\$2,894
Value of Donated Lab Services ³	\$14,370	\$14,282	\$12,302	\$9,238	\$50,191

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Fourth Quarterly Report of Services

Program Services for Rest of State

Table 3

	1 st Qtr. Rest of State	2 nd Qtr. Rest of State	3 rd Qtr. Rest of State	4 th Qtr. Rest of State	FY 2006-07 Rest of State
<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>10/06-12/06</u>	<u>1/07-3/07</u>	<u>4/07-6/07</u>	<u>7/07-9/07</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
<u>PATIENTS</u>					
# of Active Cases	175	175	176	165	165
# of Referrals	52	68	45	55	212 ¹
# Deceased or Otherwise Withdrew	0	1	1	1	3
# of Patients Treated	48	44	53	86	198 ¹
# of Dental Procedures	486	273	503	658	1,920
<u>APPLICANTS</u>					
# Received	51	94	94	112	351 ⁴
# Not Eligible	68	61	39	117	285
# of Applications pending (as 9/30/05)	339	338	323	313	313
<u>VOLUNTEERS</u>					
# of Volunteer Dentists	398	397	397	397	397
# involved with patients treated	46	46	56	76	187 ²
# of Volunteer Labs	89	90	100	100	100
# involved with patients treated	19	17	18	23	55 ²
<u>FINANCIAL</u>					
Value of Care to Patients Treated	\$120,348	\$85,944	\$126,619	\$170,326	\$503,238
Average Value of Treatment/Case	\$2,507	\$1,953	\$2,389	\$1,981	\$2,542
Value of Donated Lab Services ³	\$10,314	\$11,367	\$9,634	\$15,537	\$46,852

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TREATMENT BY COUNTY 10/1/06 – 9/30/07

County	# of Transactions	Treatment Value		County	# of Transactions	Treatment Value		County	# of Transactions	Treatment Value
Alcona	1	\$3,406		Houghton	0			Muskegon	10	\$17,887
Alger	0			Huron	1	\$316		Newaygo	0	
Allegan	0			Ingham	30	\$40,374		Oakland	77	\$182,918
Alpena	3	\$3,510		Ionia	3	\$9,263		Oceana	1	\$985
Antrim	0			Iosco	1	\$250		Ogemaw	3	\$9,473
Arenac	1	\$109		Iron	2	\$5,921		Ontonagon	0	
Baraga	0			Isabella	2	\$3,995		Osceola	0	
Barry	2	\$5,981		Jackson	16	\$17,817		Oscoda	0	
Bay	3	\$5,977		Kalamazoo	11	\$21,411		Ostego	0	
Benzie	0			Kalkaska	1	\$3,354		Ottawa	4	\$4,176
Berrien	0			Kent	40	\$96,271		Presque Isle	1	\$4,010
Branch	1	\$1,400		Keweenaw	0			Roscommon	1	\$1,790
Calhoun	6	\$11,596		Lake	1	\$500		Saginaw	7	\$10,923
Cass	0			Lapeer	8	\$16,021		St. Clair	12	\$29,435
Charlevoix	3	\$10,852		Leelanau	3	\$17,633		St. Joseph	6	\$5,146
Cheboygan	1	\$280		Lenawee	10	\$24,576		Sanilac	1	\$42
Chippewa	0			Livingston	10	\$23,944		Schoolcraft	1	\$3,466
Clare	1	\$2,050		Luce	0			Shiawassee	9	\$23,901
Clinton	1	\$810		Mackinac	0			Tuscola	2	\$1,945
Crawford	0			Macomb	64	\$148,510		Van Buren	0	
Delta	1	\$2,192		Manistee	1	\$1,014		Washtenaw	23	\$48,840
Dickinson	4	\$11,137		Marquette	1	\$928		Wayne	54	\$103,180
Eaton	8	\$21,607		Mason	0			Wexford	0	
Emmet	0			Mecosta	2	\$5,830				
Genesee	14	\$29,976		Menominee	1	\$3,008				
Gladwin	0			Midland	3	\$10,378				
Gogebic	0			Missaukee	0			Total Patients Treated 399		
Grand Traverse	16	\$26,687		Monroe	1	\$6,570				
Gratiot	1	\$1,046		Montcalm	6	\$13,455		Total Treatment Value \$1,084,905		
Hillsdale	1	\$225		Montmorency	0					